and" and inserting in lieu thereof "(i) a participant in a vocational rehabilitation program (as defined in section 1501(9) of this title), and (ii)".

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply with respect to hospital care and medical services received on or after the date of the enactment of this Act

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SEC. 203. AFFOINIMENf OF CEBTAIN MMYIWALS IN HEALTH-CARE POSITIONS.

Section 4106 is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(hXD The Secretary may appoint in the competitive civil serace without regard to the provisions of subchapter 1 of chapter 33 of title 5 (other than sections 3303 and 3328 of such title) an individual who—

"(A) has a recognized degree or certificate from an accredited institution in a health-care profession or occupation; and

"(B) has successfully completed a clinical education program affiliated with the Department.

"(2) In using the authority provided by this subsection, the Secretaiv shall apply the principles of preference for the hiring of veterans and other persons established in subchapter 1 of chapter 33 of title 5.".

SEC. 204. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL RATES OF PAY.

Section 4107(aX4) is amended—

(1) in the first sentence, by striking out "ninety days prior to" and inserting in lieu thereof "45 days before"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new sentence: "If, before such effective date, the President approves such increase, the Secretary may advance the effective date to any date not earlier than the date of the President's approval.".

SEC. 205. REVISION IN LIMITATION ON COMPENSATION OF HEALTH-CAME PERSONNEL WHO ARE RETIRED MILITARY PERSONNEL.

(a) EXTENSION TO REGISTEBED NUBSES.—Section 4107(i) is amended—

(3) by inserting ", and registered nurse positions," after "physician positions**: and

(4) by adding at the end the following new sentence: The authority of the Secretary under the preceding sentence with respect to registered-nurse positions expires on September 30, 1992.".

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(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (aXD shall take effect on the first day of the first pay period beginning on or after the date of the enactment of this Act

SEC. 206. LEAVE SHARING AND LEAYE BANKS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4108 is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

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"(eXD The Secretary shall establish a leave transfer program for the benefit of health-care professionals referred to in the matter preceding clause (1) of subsection (a) of this section. Th© Secretary may also establish a leave bank program for the benefit of such health-care professionals.

"(2) To the maximum extent feasible—